

Citizen's Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
August 8, 2015

Committee Members Present: Bonnie Chu , Ernesto Perdomo, Esther Langston (By Phone), Laura Martin (By Phone), Lavonne Lewis, Nancy Brune (By Phone), Patrick Smith, Robert Torres, Taurus Duncan, Vida Lin (By Phone), Wendell Williams

Committee Members Absent: None

Clark County Staff Present: Tim Burch, Bobby Gordon, Gina Olivares, Teresa Etcheberry, Brooke Page, Jasmine Cook

I. Call to Order

- By Tim Burch at 11:34 a.m.

II. Introduction of All Members

III. Public Comment

- None.

IV. Approval of June Meeting Summary

- Approved.

V. Announcements from Members/Social Service Staff

- None.

VI. Department Update

- Tim Burch - I have been asked to serve on an interim basis as the Director of the Department of Family Services. I will also be keeping a tether with the Department of Social Service. There will at some point be a national search for a replacement for Lisa Ruiz-Lee who has recently retired. By way of Department Update we wanted to give an overview of two of our new projects that have come to a point of standing up, we have talked about them in general in the past. Brooke Page is here to discuss the FUSE and Vivo Projects.
- Brooke Page –
 - Clark County Frequent User Services Engagement (FUSE) Project - The goal of the project is to evaluate existing intervention strategies to develop a comprehensive plan that encompasses a needs assessment, strengthens the relationship between collaborative partners to address data sharing challenges, and frames the groundwork for implementing and testing strategies to develop a data matching system to track frequent users.
 - Vivo Project - The Vivo Project funded by the Federal Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration for the Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals-Services in Supportive Housing (GBHI-SSH) and Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals – Supplemental (CABHI-S) by-way of the State of Nevada provides Intensive Case Management (ICM), evidence-based treatment, and critical supportive services to homeless veterans with severe mental illness and chronically homeless individuals and families with mental illness or co-occurring mental health and/or substance use disorders. The target population is 100 “super-utilizers” of emergency, hospital, and law enforcement services in Clark County with the goal of helping them achieve stability and wellness.

- Bobby Gordon – We will give an update on what we are doing in Coordinated Intake, because that's where we are seeing some of the gaps, and it is designed to reveal gaps in services. We can update you on what that wait list looks like in terms of how many we have housed, how many we have on waiting lists for permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing and transitional housing.
- Tim Burch – Also, the department has engaged Public Consulting Group (PCG) to help us heighten the formality of our policy. As we move into places where we would like to see if we can bill Medicaid for some of our case management services and things we haven't done we have to increase the sophistication of our policy to make sure it aligns with federal and state plans. They will return later this fall with formal recommendations.

VII. Membership:

- Introduction of new CAC members
 - Ernesto Perdomo
 - Robert Torres

VIII. Public Comment:

- MLK Committee is having a backpack giveaway for homeless students.
- Salvation Army is also doing a backpack distribution in North Las Vegas.

IX. Adjournment:

- By Wendell Williams at 12:32 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. at the Clark County Social Service office located at 1600 Pinto Lane, Las Vegas, NV.

Submitted by: J Cook